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What do you do when you are so timid that you can't bring yourself to speak in front of people? Well, the last thing that cute freshman high school student Mugi Asai wants to do is join the drama club. She soon finds herself forced into doing just that. With every club member determined to make Mugi into a great actress, how is she to cope with the pressure?!

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You must have *really* good eyes... You're gonna check your test results from *here*?

TAP

MIZUHASHI JUNIOR HIGH
THIRD-YEAR STUDENT
MUGI ASAI



...isn't
good.

Y'know,
you should do
something about
that...

Losing
your voice
when you're
nervous...

MIZUHASHI JUNIOR HIGH
THIRD-YEAR STUDENT
KAYO TOYAMA



I've
tried
...

...to
fix
that
...

SNIFFLE

I
can't
help
it...



Prelude

Wait,
I'm
coming!

Hey,
you don't
need to talk to
see your test
results. Or do
you want me
to check 'em
for you?



Aw, they're
all so
young.
How cute!

Freshmen...

They still
have that
"youthful
energy"...

KUMATAKA ART ACADEMY
THEATER GROUP MEMBER
TAKASHI KATSURAGI

I wonder
how many of
them will be
accepted?
I just hope
there'll
be a few
hotties...

Hey...

...don't
say things
like that!

A guy
can
dream,
can't
he?!

KUMATAKA ART ACADEMY
THEATER GROUP MEMBER
RISAKI NISHIDA

MINGLE

MINGLE

Wow...



No, don't quit! We're gonna recruit some new members!



KUMATAKA ART ACADEMY
THEATER GROUP MEMBER
NONO ICHINOSE





That means
...

...our
Theater Group
will have to
disband.
So let's get
to work!

But if
we can't
get more
members
...

Well,
Risaki says
he will.

Yeah, yeah,
yeah.

Don't
worry.
I won't
let that
happen!

Nothing
can stop
us, right?

After all,
it's going
to be our
last year.

FLOOF



Let's just
hope we get
some new
members.

Right!



Um,
it's OK.
I guess.

Sorry,
my hand
slipped...

Wow,
what a
temper!



I
mean...

We
can't do
anything
about it
now.



Prelude ♪ End



Yeah!

TODAY,
I START AT
KUMATAKA ART
ACADEMY.



Kayo,
do I
look OK
in this?



Yeah!
it looks
good on
you.



Yup, I
feel a
little
nervous
wearing
mine.

UNDER THE
CHERRY
BLOSSOMS...

There's
something
special
about
brand-new
school
uniforms.



WE'RE ABOUT
TO BECOME
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS!

So,
wanna
go?



Mugi Falls Chapter 1





You get way too nervous in front of other people.

Face facts!
You can't fix your problem without admitting it...

Please, forget it ever happened.



You care too much about what others think.

And when you get nervous, you can't talk.
You're fine when you're with me...

Mugi
...



I DID GET INTO THIS SCHOOL, BUT...

You've gotta believe in yourself!

I mean, you got into this school.



...you have no confidence in yourself.



I CAN'T
DECIDE
ANYTHING
ON MY
OWN.

You
gonna
join a
club?

I'm
thinking
about
it...



...WAS
BECAUSE I
KNEW THAT
KAYO WAS
COMING
HERE.

THE REASON
I APPLIED...



I mean,
I really
want to
be a
photo-
grapher.

Umm...



It looks
good...

...to
colleges.



Wha-?!

'Scuse me,
coming
through!

ZOOM

Huh?!

BAM



The
Photo
Club?

ZIP



HMM...

I'M SO
WORTHLESS.

















No, it's fine, but...



Should I help?

Oh, OK. I'm going, too.



Kayo, I'm going to the storage room.



Uhh... sure.



Can you wait for me here with Kai? There's something I want to talk to you about.



...but you don't mind if I hide under this table, do you?

Um... No...



No, I'm OK.

I need to apologize to Kayo anyway.

Are you still running from those other students?

So, can you wait a little while?

SLIDE



Yeah,
well, I
guess.

Sorry
about
this.

No, it's OK.
Is that why
you were
late this
morning?



The Theater
Group
would like
to welcome
the *both*
of you!

YI-ho
TA-DAH!

Well,
let me
help you
decide!

Oh,
no!



Did
you do
some-
thing?

No,
nothing.
I didn't
do any-
thing!

HOP びよ



Um,
I haven't
decided
yet.

So...
...are you
going to
join a
club?





So...
how about
joining
our
group?

...it echoed
throughout
the whole
school!

You
were so
loud...



EVERY-
ONE'S
LOOKING
AT ME!

Oh...
um...

Oh,
no...



Exam
results?

A LOT OF
PEOPLE
WERE THERE
THAT DAY.

Oh,
yeah...

...I remember
that scream.



CLENCH

I CAN'T
BREATHE.

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?



TH-
THUMP

Mugi?

Uh...

I JUST
WANT TO
LEAVE!

TH-
THUMP

TH-
THUMP

I WANT
TO
LEAVE

TH-
THUMP



Mugi...

...are
you OK?

OH!

!!



Oh!

Huh?

Huh?!

PSSH

SHAKE

We
don't
mean to
bother
you.

SHAKE

We just
thought you
might be
interested in
theater.

If...

If I...

...SIGN
THIS...

...THEN I
CAN LEAVE,
RIGHT?

You're...

SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER

...GOING
TO LET
ME GO
NOW,
RIGHT?

Thank
you.

THESE
PEOPLE
WILL LEAVE
ME ALONE.

入部届
Theater Group
Application
Form

Here...
...let
me help
you.

I can
write
my own
damn
name!

You're
the
Devil!

Your friend
joined.
Now it's
your turn!

ぐわがが
GRRRR
ぐわがが
GRRRR

DAZED

Hey...
...Mugi?





Why
am I
dressed
like this?



What?!



Oh!

FLASH



Huh?!

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

CLAP

CLAP



Mmh...

7:00
TICK



4:00
TICK

My Big Chance? Chapter 2













Here?!

What
are you
talking
about?
It's right
here.

Big
sis!

Where's
the damn
room?
We can't
find it!

Theater Group

Here?

Yes...

...right
here.







Can't we just go outside?



WHISPER

WHISPER

Hey, what's the point of meeting in this tiny room?



Please do.

STEAM

So, you two, can we get started?

STEAM

You be quiet!



Mugi Asai...



Well...

Kai Nishida...

Thank
you!

I would
like to
formally
welcome
you both.

Oh!

Welcome
to the
Theater
Group.

Let's
keep this
short.

I am the
director,
Nono
Ichingose.

To my
right is
Risaki
Nishida.

Hi!

To my left
is Takashi
Katsuragi.



BLAM!

If you guys are just messin' around, I don't see the point of-

OUCH!

...I was expecting more of an *authentic* club.

Since you guys are so into theater..

How dare you!

You stupid jerk!

How can you say that to people who take theater seriously!

Apologize, *now!*

Ow!



Um



Nono

I think Kai's impression is quite understandable.



PAT



Fine.



I apologize for what I said.

BOW



WHISPER

You should thank your sister later.

Why should I?

I REALIZED I WAS DRAWN TO NONO...



So, let's continue.





At this school
there are
presently *two*
theater clubs.
One official,
and one not.



?

I don't
understand.

Let me
explain.

That's the
"official"
Theater
Group. We're
technically
the "Theater
Research
Group."



We will both put
on performances
at the festival
in October.



The audiences
will vote for
one group or
the other.
The losing
club will be
eliminated
permanently.



So we
need you
two...

Wait a
sec...

What?!



You're going to have to work very hard.

But you'll be OK, because we're all in this together.



Yes, Mugl?

um...
Excuse me.



...a stage-hand.

...want to be...



We need you to be ready for the big festival in October.



A stage-hand??

We don't have any stagehands. There aren't enough members for that.

?

NOD

NOD



I THOUGHT
THERE
WOULD BE
SOMETHING
EVEN I
COULD DO.

MY DREAM OF
BECOMING A
STAGEHAND
HAS QUICKLY
COME TO
AN END...



Just as I
thought!

!TIMBER!



Um,
Mugi...

SHAKE

SHAKE

Doesn't like
the way of
this!



I CAN'T
DO THIS.

Oh, no!
Not
again!

KAYO...

Mugi?!

!WHAM!

Chapter 2 ♪ End





Wha-?!

WHOA!

SLIDE



SLIP



...that
it's really
slippery
right
there!

I was
gonna
tell
you...

Ugh...

Wow,
that was
one big
slip.

WAAH

It's a
LITTLE
LATE
NOW...

PLIP



SPLASH



Are you hurt?



It's OK,
your
clothes
will dry
soon...

Hey...
Don't
cry!



Silly!
It's so
much more
embarrassing
to be crying
in the middle
of the street!

Come
with me!



Huh?!

I'm so
embar-
rassed...



What?

The Real and the Fake Chapter 3





What
is this
place?

Good
thing
we're the
same size.

Our
club
room.

No one
will be here
till late
afternoon,
so don't
worry.

You can
wear
that for
today.

I'll hang
your
uniform
to dry,
so give
it to
me.

Um,
thank you for
everything...

?

Oh yeah,
I haven't
even told
you my
name!

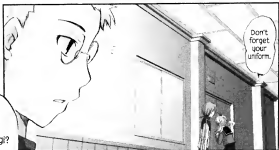
Uh
...

SHINE

I'm
Chitose!

Chitose
Kanna.
I'm a
freshman.

















I'm just making sure she doesn't pick up any bad habits.

In your dreams.

I heard one of our members went into your room.



One of *your* members?

Oh...



SHAKE

I understand...

...it's a disgrace to be associated with those *imitators*.

You're joining our group?



Did you come by because you'd like to join our group?

Wh-What?!





Waste
my
time...?

Why waste
your time doing
something you
dislike?



If it's
true, you
shouldn't
do it.

Um...
Um...



It's JUST,
I WAS
UNABLE
TO SAY
ANYTHING.
So...

No,
SHE'S
WRONG.

Too
NICE?

Me?

Hey
...

You're
being too
nice.

You don't
need to
waste
your time
on these
people.

I MEAN,
NONO AND
RISAKI
PRESSURED
ME INTO
JOINING THE
GROUP.

You must
have things
that you
really want
to do.

I'M SO
CONFUSED.

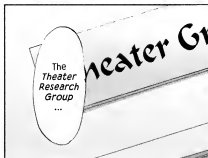
Um...

BUT...













I was surprised when Mirei told me.

I didn't know there was *another* Theater Group!

WINDING



Why are you here?
The "real" Kanna...?

Wow, you know *everything* now, don't you?

WINDING



You know what? The "*real*" Kanna doesn't sound bad.

It's actually kind of cool!



Well, everyone in our class knows you by that name now.

My name is Chitose! Don't call me the "*real*" Kanna!

WINDING





OUR
PERFORMANCE
IS COMING
UP...





?

A show
in May?
That's
next
month!

Right.

We should
start giving
out invitations.

A
PERFORMANCE
...?

SHIVER

SHIVER

SHIVER

No
need to
worry.

We'll be
great!



I want you
to get
familiar with
"the vibe"
of theater.

I bet you'd
rather just
watch
this time.



Why do you
guys need
so many
costumes?

Wow,
I GUESS I
DON'T HAVE
TO PERFORM!

SIGH
はー

?
What's
up?

I've been
wondering.

Hey,
Mugi...

Huh?
No,
nothing.
I'm fine.

oh?





GRAB

Don't worry, you don't have too many lines.

Aghi



No, IT CAN'T BE...

Nono? You'll what...?

The best way to become familiar with theater is by actually being onstage.



Yeah, I'm sure she'll be fine. Maybe...

Help me

It's NOT ABOUT THE NUMBER OF LINES! I'M JUST NOT READY TO PERFORM!

I can't help you. *You're* the one who joined the group! Besides, I think it'll be good for you.

Nooooo





I'M GOING
TO...

...
PER-
FORM?!

TH-
THUMP

Now that I
think about
it, I'm kind
of worried
about Mugl.

UHM
UHM
UHM

So, they're
gonna do an
original love
story?

Uh,
they're
right
there.

Huh? How
did you get
the script?



I mean,
you're
from the
other
Theater
Group.

Hey...

You shouldn't
be looking at
those!

?

Why are
there so
many?



TODAY FOR LUNCH I HAD,
UM, FRIED CHICKEN. OH,
THAT FRIED CHICKEN WAS
SO GOOD... YUM, WHAT
SHOULD I EAT TOMORROW?



WHAT AM I GONNA DO?!
WHAT AM I GONNA DO?!
OK, I NEED TO CALM
DOWN! LET'S THINK "HAPPY
THOUGHTS." OK, LET'S
SEE... UM, LUNCH!
YEAH, THAT'S HAPPY...

TH-THUMP TH-THUMP

はくはくはく

TH-THUMP TH-THUMP

はくはくはくはく

Yes!

Tomorrow
I'll have
eel!

Mugi?

...EEL.



Mugi?
Your
line...

MAYBE
I'LL
HAVE...

It scares me
sometimes,
how well Nono
can switch
conversations.

This
is it.

Your line
is right
here...

Oh!

Wobble

Well...

It's one of
the "abilities"
she got from
acting...



Wobble



Uh, OK, I'll
have some
lasagna...











You have
such a
loud,
powerful
voice!

impressive!

THUMP

Project your voice using the muscles in your stomach. It's a basic technique you gotta know.

You
need to
remem-
ber the
way you
were just
breath-
ing...

MY
VOICE...
WHAT JUST
HAPPENED?

...WAS TO
MAKE HER
TAKE DEEP
BREATHS!

THE
HUMP

THERE'S
SOMETHING
SPECIAL
ABOUT MUGI'S
VOICE...

You know what?
I'm gonna be ready in May...

Hmm...

TH-
THUMP



MUGI ASAI!
THERE'S JUST
SOMETHING
ABOUT HER!

You're...

...not
going to
outshine
me!



Or it
might
be her
posture.

There're
so many
things that
can make
someone
"special."

It could
be her
*appear-
ance*.



The

I NEVER
WOULD'VE
IMAGINED IT.

I'M GONNA
PERFORM!

IT'S REALLY
HAPPENING.

So, you're
hanging out
with the
other club?

CLAP

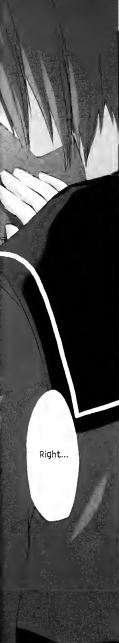
CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

Believe In Yourself! Chapter 5















Please
sit back
and
enjoy...

This is a
story about
two people
who were
meant to be
together.

Her voice
was so
beautiful.



Um...

Are you
going to
be OK?

Your
part's
coming
up.

Hurry...

What
should I
do? I'm
going to
be late!

That's
the end
of Scene
One.

Um...
Yeah.

Want a
ride?

Don't
worry
about
it.

CRICKETS

Thank you!
That would
really help.



I suddenly
lost my
voice.



I WANTED TO
SAY SOMETHING,
BUT I DECIDED
NOT TO.

I ALWAYS
FREEZE UP.

AND...



You
know,
the first
time it
happened
was last
fall...



But then
it kept
happening.

I recovered,
and I didn't
think anything
of it.

I went to
the hospital
and they
said it was
nothing
to worry
about.



She was so
worried...

My
then-
best
friend...



I don't
know...

Are you
gonna
be all
right?



Possibly,
but the
doctors
didn't say
so.

Maybe...
...it's because
we rehearse
so much.
Could there
be any
long-term
damage?

It's a disorder
where the
vocal cords
don't function
properly.
I can suddenly
lose my voice,
or my voice
can change
unexpectedly.

But I'll
be OK.

Huh?

Mirei, why
do you
think I
told you?

You
have
to...

No.

Well,
it sounds
pretty
serious!

We don't
want to
lose you
but...

BAM
Just remind
me not to
speak too
much when
we're not
rehearsing.

HA RATTLE
Trust me,
I won't use
my voice
unneces-
sarily...

I want
you to
support
me.

What
do you
mean?



WE'LL
FIND THE
APPROPRIATE
TREATMENT
FOR YOU.

*What
are you
talking
about?!*

Think
about
your
health!

THIS IS THE
THIRD TIME
THIS HAS
HAPPENED.

You
can do
theater
when
you're
cured!

TAKE
CARE OF
YOUR
VOICE.

You could
really hurt
yourself!

DON'T SPEAK
TOO MUCH.



...I hide my
emotions,
too.
I'm not that
outgoing.

You know,
we're very
similar.

I used to
think I
wasn't cut
out for
this, also.

I've gotten
a little
better,
but...

And
...

YOU MUST
BE MINDFUL
OF YOUR
CONDITION.





...just
stop
now.

So...

Please...

*My time
with you,
our time
together,
is priceless
to me...*

THE
DIALOGUE
IN THIS
SCRIPT...

...REFLECTS
NONO'S
TRUE
FEELINGS!

Mugi,
your
entrance
is coming
up.

TH-
THUMP

W-2-W

TH-
THUMP

TH-
THUMP

I completely forgot I was about to go onstage.

L.

TH-
THUMP

TH-
THUMP





That was the first time I heard your voice.



SHE'S RIGHT...

I FEEL MUCH CALMER...



Remember the day your test results were posted?

MUCH BETTER ...



You'll be great.

You just have to believe in yourself.



There was something about you.

Something special...

I knew you were exactly what we needed.



So don't
give up.



Oh...

TH-
THUMP



You have
a unique
voice,
Mugi.
It's one-of-
a-kind.

TAD

I
CAN'T...

I CAN'T
TALK...

TH- THUMP

Oh,
NO...

TH- THUMP

WHISPER

What's
the
matter?

TH-
THUMP

TH-
THUMP

You just have to believe in yourself.

HERE
GOES!

Sister...
I have
something
to tell you.



うん、
知ってる。
私も、
美術部
に行ってる。
...
y'know,
I do go to
an "art"
academy...





I don't know about you Kai, but Mugi, isn't Japanese one of your best subjects?



SHAKE

Um, I filled out
my answer sheet
incorrectly...

SHAKE

BUMMER

うわあ

Man...
We've done
nothing but
rehearse
lately...

Mugi Runs Away Chapter 6



Don't call me that!

You're done with your class already?

Hey, the "real" Kanna, what's up?

What's going on? Why is everyone so down?

UGH



Yup.

I'm on my way to rehearsal. I wanted to return this textbook I borrowed from you.

Oh.

No problem.

Thanks!

And...



...and I think you should read it, too!

I read it awhile ago...

...I wanted to show you this.

It's a book about theater.

DA-DUM!











...as well
as to
condition
your *whole*
body!



Running
helps to
strengthen
your
diaphragm...



HUFF

HUFF

I DON'T
GET IT!



SHE STILL
MIGHT LOSE
HER VOICE.

IS ANY OF
THIS REALLY
WORTH IT?



Sister

...

...I have
something
to tell
you.

WHAT'S SO
SPECIAL ABOUT
THEATER?
WHY ARE THEY
SO INTO IT?

MY FIRST
LINES EVER!

*I know
what you
two are
up to!*

I JUST
REPEATED
WHAT I'D
MEMORIZED.

THERE'S
NOTHING
POSITIVE
I CAN SAY
ABOUT IT!

I
COULDN'T
EVEN
MOVE!

AND MY
VOICE
WASN'T LOUD
ENOUGH.

I WAS SO
NERVOUS.
MY MOUTH
WAS ALL
DRY.

I DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT I WAS
SAVING!

I don't even
remember
how I made it
backstage...



That's fine.
What are
jumpsuits
for?!

ROLL



Hey!
You're
gonna
get grass
stains.

Hey!

ROLL

Are you
trying
to get
dirty?!

BUT NONO
SAID TO
ME...

BUT IT WAS
MY DEBUT
PERFORMANCE.





Good
job!

I'm very
proud
of you!



SHE WAS SO
NICE TO SAY
THAT TO ME.

SNIFFLE

I COULDN'T
STOP
CRYING.



BUT...



IT WAS
OBVIOUS
THAT MY
PERFORMANCE
WAS LOUSY.





Mugi's infamous "I can't" line?

Here we go again...

Yes. You. *Can*.

I can't do this.



True, she used to be a lot worse.

I think she's better, compared to when she started.



She just needs more self-confidence.

Yup, that's the one.



But I don't think she realizes that herself, yet.

SNIFFLE

She *is* improving.

Y'know what?

Action!

Let's
begin.

The
scenario is
"restaurant."

Kai, you're
the customer.
Mugi, you're
the waitress.

CLAP

CLAP

LET'S DO THIS "HOLLYWOOD" STYLE!

Um...

I'll have
some
coffee,
please.

Il

Um, um,
hello.

May I
take
your
order?

Oh, OK.
One coffee
coming
right up!



Is that
something
a waitress
would
really say?

?



OK.

BOW
//

Please
wait
right
here...



I mean,
what does
a waitress
usually say
when...

Um, maybe
I should
have
replied...



STEP
//



STEP
//

What am I
supposed
to do
now?!

HEY!
//

Wait, if she
gets the
coffee, I'm
all alone...



STEP
//



STEP

STEP





Yes! Why do you doubt it?

Just trust me!

But you're always lying.

Why can't you just tell the truth?



I'm telling you, the UFO's going to appear here!

You expect me to believe that?



What are they doing?

Well, that's why we rehearse!

I'm awful!



I DON'T LIKE THIS SCRIPT.



IF PEOPLE ALWAYS TOLD THE TRUTH, LIFE WOULD BE SO EASY.

Come back here!

No!





She
seems
nice...

BUT I'VE
ONLY SEEN
HER FIGHTING
WITH NONO.

Oh.

I CAN'T
IMAGINE
THEM AS
FRIENDS!

I'll *kill* you if
you harass
my club
members.

THEY USED
TO BE SO
CLOSE.

Don't
under-
estimate
us!

We're
just
talking!
What's
wrong
with you?

Perfect
timing.
I tell
you...

GRAB





OK,
so it's
a deal.



I believe
in you.

NOOO!



...

WAIT!

I'll be
waiting
for the
mid-term
results...



What did
I just get
myself
into...?

PAT
ぽん





At the Battle
of Okehazama
in 1560,
his army
defeated...



England's
Industrial
Revolution
began with
the success
of its textile
industry, and...



Um...
Uh...
In 1570,
Nagamasa,
the Warlord
of Omi,
and, um...



...Nobunaga
unified
the nation
through his
actions in
Owari!



In the
midst of
war...

STEP

STEP

Mugi?

...yes?





Everyone.
I brought
some drinks.
Let's take
a break.

Speak
up.

I'm *always*
telling you
that!

But,
do we really
have to read
out-loud?
It's not
rehearsal...

In 1567,
Tatsuoki
Saitoh
was sent
into exile!

OK,
and what
happens
next?

I dunno.

Mugi is Hustling Chapter 7









He's REALLY
OBEYING
HER...





What do you mean by *that*??

Oh!
I was beginning to think you guys were *always* this weird!

SMACK.

Hey, the cruch hurts!



But, um...



Shall we continue studying?

She's usually so withdrawn.

But she enjoys company, and this is the first time we've ever studied together like this. She's really opening up!

Yeah, sure



Nono's a great teacher. I'm glad she's helping me study.

It's like there's nothing she *can't* do.



SHAKE
Risaki, "invisible chair"! Now!

I can't do this much longer...

Mugi, you don't have to kiss-up to her.

Her ego's only gonna get bigger.















Both of you are way out of shape.

SHE'S DOING WHAT SHE BELIEVES IN.

Thanks for having us!

Are you OK?

Man, this "study session" worked my whole body!

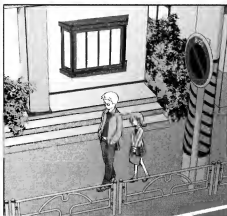
You should feel energized! We're still young!



I'll do my best, but...

Nono, you gotta ease up on us.

...if I drop dead because of you, you'll pay for my funeral, right?!



TH-
THUMP

THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME
WE'VE TALKED
WITH NO ONE
ELSE AROUND.

Wow
...

Thanks for
walking
me home.

It's
OK.

It's
pretty
late.

Won't
your folks
worry?

Sure,
anytime!

GRN

Huh?

Mugi,
are you
all right?

Uh, yeah.
Just thinking
'bout
someone....

TH-
THUMP

TH-
THUMP

WHAAAT!

HOW COULD
YOU?

YOU?

CHITOSE'LL
KILL ME IF
SHE FINDS
OUT...

TH-
THUMP

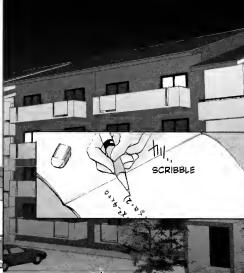
I guess it's
because you
always try
your best.

Oh?

You seem
pretty run
down.











I
STILL...

...DON'T FEEL
GLAD ABOUT
IT.

There
is...



Here
it is.

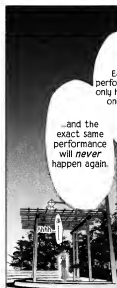
Learn
eater!



I have a
feeling you'll
look back
one day
and be glad
that you
signed on!

WHEN I
FIRST MET
EVERYBODY
...

...NOMO
SAID THAT
TO ME.



Each
performance
only happens
once...

...and the
exact same
performance
will *never*
happen again.



...something
magical
about
theater.



IT'D BE
WONDERFUL

...IF I
COULD FEEL
THE "MAGIC"
FOR MYSELF.









It's Fun! Chapter 8





三年 Third-Year

1. 岡村香織
2. 飯野あゆお
3. 小原千夏
4. 相川達也
5. 三橋直矢
6. Nono Ichinose
7. 高木美砂子





Oh.

Oh,
Takashi's
#45!

Wow,
that's
wonder-
full



How I did
doesn't
matter,
does it?

Everyone in
your club
must place in
the top fifty!
If not, we
get all of
your funding!

That's the
bet we
agreed on!



I can't
do this!
Why
bother
trying?!

Some things
just *aren't*
meant
to be!

They say
that if you
work hard,
you can do
anything.
Well, that's
complete
bull!

Shhn!
You're
contradicting
the message
of this whole
manga!



Hey sis,
do you
really think
you made it
in the top
fifty?

There's
no way
I did.





what
the-?!

What
in the
world
are you
doing?!

Nono,
this
is all
your
fault!

How
could
you bet
all of our
funding?!

TH-
THUMP

what
now?

Kai,
catch!

WHOOM
Capitolo

BAM!

Huh?!

Run!
Before I
turn you
to stone!

GRRRR

What do
you want
me to do
with this?!

Hey!
What
did I
do?!

SKREECH...











Oh,
no...

I know
you're
in here!
**Come
out!**

SLAM











I guess
she's
right...



I can't let
you do that.
This is *my*
business.

Um, you
can go to
rehearsal.
I'll wait
here.



She'll do
anything
to prove
her point.

I mean,
how could
she even think
that *everyone*
in the group
would score in
the top fifty?

...and she's
always been
stubborn.

I've known
Nono for
a long
time...



Aren't you
tired of
her yet?



She's
such a
fool.

...

STAND



CHUCKLE



CHUCKLE

You
can be
honest.
No one's
here.



Yes.

I
mean
no...

Not
at all!



No...

...I mean
it.

I think
she's been
through a
lot...

And...



Really.

...we
get
along
great.

Really!





R.I.P.
千一ノ





We'll review
what we
need to
finish before
school's out.

Then we're
off to
Theater
Camp during
summer
break.



OK,
everyone.
Let's go
over our
new
schedule.

I hate
this...



I'll have
the new
scripts
ready by
then.

We have
to use this
summer to
get ready
for the
festival in
October.

Theater
Camp
...?



um...

Takashi,
there are
several
places I'm
considering.

Can you
go over
them
with me
later?

IGNORE.

Where
will it
be this
time?

Ooh!
Theater
Camp!



It sounds sort of fun...

I wonder what Theater Camp is?



She's so mean to me, Mugi...

...but we have to rehearse exhaustively for the October festival. There's no time to waste.



I shouldn't have to tell you this...



And, Mugi...

...but I expect 110% from each of you.

You already know this...



Try to
keep up,
OK?

By the end of
Camp, you'll
be ready to
stand on your
own two feet.
I'll do everything
I can to make
sure you're
ready.



She's so
bossy!

Huh?!



THEATER
CAMP.

I CAN
ALREADY
TELL THIS
IS GOING
TO BE ONE
STRANGE
SUMMER...

No!

Please?

No.

Can I
quit?

CELEBRATING OUR
FIRST VOLUME!
WITH COMIC STRIPS!



THE PLAN

MUGI AND THE BUTTERFLY



NONO MEETS MIREI



KAI



SACHIE AND TAMA



LET'S TRY AGAIN





IT'S ALL GOOD!

